apic NEWSLETTER AMERICAN POLITICAL ITEMS COLLECTORS APRIL 12, 1962

This will bring you up to date on what has been happening since the 2/3 newsletter. Most of you are probably wondering why you haven't received a new membership card; won't you please up-date your present card (make a 62 out of the 61) as we want to wait till an emblem is decided upon, so it can be used for the first time on the new cards.

Enclosed are copies of the five designs submitted for an APIC emblem. Please look them over and express your opinion, rating according to your preference, one thru six, using six only if you don't like any. Lets all vote so there is a true expression of the membership. I wish to thank all who took the time and effort to submit a design and thought they were all well done, and are sure each will understand only one can be chosen. One of our Board members, C. W. Fishbaugh has suggested our official emblem being made into a celluloid pin back button. Do you like the idea, sounds great--possibly later on we can also go to a metal lapel item.

The 1962 roster listing closing date is April 30, 1962 so be sure your dues are paid by this date, so you will be included in the 1962 roster booklet. The roster additions and changes to the 1961 roster are enclosed and are complete to date. Be sure to keep this list with your booklet and change the addresses. There are several who have specialized collections, only MCKinley or F.D.R. etc, and would like such a classification in the roster booklet, we'll try to do it, but must ask that the general collectors do not ask for this in addition to the other classifications. Several have also asked about telephone numbers-- will be glad to add if you'll send, including your area code, believe this will be useful information.

Some have probably forgotten to send their 1962 dues, please do so immediately, to be included on the next roster or to be kept on the mailing list. All unpaid, will be dropped and won't be able to participate in the Spring Auction or other activities. Steve Bibler one of our V.Ps. and Wayne LaPoe have agreed to handle our Spring Auction and the enclosed information and official offer form is to be used. Lets all check our supply of duplicates or our collections for similar items and participate in our second auction. We hope that a large percentage will participate and thus give the membership, especially the newer collectors a chance a some nice items. Rules will be similiar to our first very successful auction, andonly YOU can make it a success, by offering and later on by bidding.

Our 'Thanks' go to Mr. J. Doyle DeWitt who has sent a supply of the sixty page 8½x11 booklet, "America Goes To The Polls", to distribute to interested members. All 1962 members will be eligible and a copy of this colorful and informative booklet, pictures items from Mr. DeWitts collection as well as a brief description of each campaign. Booklets will be sent, one to a member if req uested, till the supply is exhausted.

Several collectors have inquired as to what is meant by DeWitt numbers? These are the numbers given to the items listed and/or pictured in Mr. J. Doyle DeWitt's 420 page reference book "A Century of Campaign Buttons 1789-1889". A limited supply of the remaining copies have been turned over to the University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford, Connecticut and the selling price is $25.00. If you or, are afraid this hobby will get in your blood, its a real must, fery well done, and a book you'll keep handy at all times and refer to continually. Will be the best $25.00 you have ever spent.

The Smithsonian Institution has also undertaken a very wonderful project. Messrs. Washburn, Collins and Melder are doing much to create the proper national interest in our fascinating hobby. They have just completed photographing a portion of their collection of P.A. and offer a six page list of photographs which are available in black & white, 8x10" for seventy five cents each. Mr. Washburn will be glad to send the list of available photos to all who write him requesting one. Address: Smithsonian Institution, U. S. National Museum, Division of Political History, Washington, 25, D. C.

The Third Party listing is shaping up and should be ready before too long. Charles Williams has agreed to Chairman a Committee on Research of Third Party and Hopeful (named at Convention) candidates. The information which you sent, regarding items of Third Party which are known will be incorporated. We look forward to some really helpful info and wish to thank Charlie for accepting this post.

Incidentially several collectors who are interested in the insurance coverage which was mentioned in the last newsletter, have found that making an inventory is required and about decided it is too big a job. It is work but possibly a few tips will help you; it also took me several years to convince myself I needed an inventory and insurance coverage. It will be very rewarding and enlightning--bet you'll be as amazed as I was. Some collectors keep a small card file, for each large or better item, listing date of purchase, source, price and current value. Changes in value or additions to your collection are easily made in this system. Buttons and small items, especially those mounted, can be photographed and prices assigned to each or to certain groups, this cuts down on much detailed description.

You may think of other invettory short-cuts and I'm sure your insurance agent will try to use if at all possible.

Regarding the price guide--I wrote a representative group of collectors who to my knowledge, either by personal acquaintance or by correspondence, I knew to be active and avid collectors and who would have a pulse of the current market. This seemed to me to be the only method of getting a representative price, as I know of no one person who is an authority on values of all categories of items. From my questioneer, I had two who voiced opposition to the price guide, and although I'm sure they were quite sincere and felt their reasons to be very valid, I believe a real need will be served by such a list. As I stated this will be on a guide, not a price list. It will list values in a small price range, by campaigns, for tokens, ribbons, ballots, ferros, and several classifications of buttons etc.. I respect both parties opposition and I am glad that they expressed themselves, but plan to go ahead with the project, as no alternative suggestion as to what should be done to fill one of the collectors greatest needs, was presented. The APIC was organized to be of service to our members and from the continual correspondence, as well as personal experience when I was a beginner collector, know this is of great interest and truly needed. It may help some of the older or less active collectors bring their ideas of value up to date also. I could not feel that I had done my duty if this project were to be dropped.

This will probably be the last ditto newsletter type of publication. We hope to have a mimeo newspaper. Shouldn't we have a name for our publication -- submit your preference. Hope you'll continue to give your support, especially during this period, when we are without a Secretary-Treasurer. We are trying to give you an active organization, as evidenced by the activities enumerated above.

Chick Harris

U. I. Chick Harris, President.

P. S. Records indicate that your 1962 dues ~~aren't~~ are paid. (Make $3. check payable to APIC)

Complete list of CHANGES AND ADDITIONS to 1961 APIC roster.

changes

81 Duane N. Diedrich, Dept of English, Ball St. Teachers College, Muncie Indiana.
12 Gene Dunifon, c/o The Bradenton Herald, Bradenton, Florida.
84 Philip Easterly, 4138 Woodbridge Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
135 Miss Marie L. Furey, American Univ. of Cairo, Egypt; (home, 73 Chilton St. Belmont, Mass.)
105 Mrs. John J. O'Brien, add S. W. after street address.
35 Hal N. Ottaway 3002 Grail Ave Wichita, Kansas

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170 Delbert A. Bishop 909 N. Olive St. Abilene, ~~Texas~~ Kan. (2-A-E-G-L) Archivist
171 Lois M. Ross RFD#1 Clarksville, Ohio. (3-A-E-G-L) Retired nurse
172 William Becker 2916-32nd St. N. W., Washington, DC or 312 Topliff Hall Dartmouth College Hanover, N. H. (1-A-D) student
173 Robert Sterling 105 Grant Street Charleston, Illinois (2-A-D-L) history teacher
174 Robert O. Lowe 119 Mill Street Palmyra, New York (2-A-D-L) supervisor, invertory planning
175 George M. McCann 1784 Southern Parkway Springfield, Ohio (2-A-E-G-L) Pharmacist
176 Dan D. Wright 1624 N. 55th St. Seattle, 3, Washington (2-A-E-L) Newspaper reporter
177 Stanley Kaufman 301 Tyler St. Topeka, Kansas (3-B-D-E-L) Antique dealer
178 Murray A. Harris 4953 Cartwright Ave North Hollywood, Calif. (3-A-~~B~~E-only) Commercial Artist
179 William L. Messick RFD#2, Sonja Drive Concord, Tenn (2-A-D-L) Management analyst
180 Robert E. Oppliger 158 Stratford Ave Wadsworth, Ohio (2-A-E-G-L)
181 Julian P. Kanter 6835 S. Paxton Chicago 49, Illinois (2-A-E-G-K-L &TV film) T. V. Executive
182 Edward J. Meyer 43-33 46th St. Sunnyside 4, New York (2-B-D-L) Dealer
183 Alfred D. Hoch 18 Irving Road Natick, Mass (2-A-B-E-G-L) mechanical engineer
184 Beverly Bailey 1130 4th Ave S.E., Rochester, Minnesota (2-A-E-F-G-L)
185 Hearl A. Peeples Box 403 Rockford, Illinois (602 E. Jefferson) (3-A-E-G-L) Realtor
186 Mrs Ross Thompson Box 430 Rocky Ford, Colorado (3-A-E-G-L) Newspaper publisher
187 Mrs. Elizabeth Lee Cole 3128 N.E. Tillamook Portland 12, Oregon (2-A-D-E-F-L) Secretary
188 Manfred J. Wenzel 1045 Montrose Ave, North., St. Petersburg 3 Fla. (2-A-E-G-L) Asst Mgr. Mov&Stg/
189 Jack McDougall 633 Almond Ave Los Altos, California (3- A-D-E-L) Real Estate Developer
190 Warren R. DuBois 1231 N. Columbus (Apt 2c) Glendale 2, Calif (3-A-B-D-E-F-L) Button dealer

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What's your choice? It's a tough decision isn't it...keep in mind that these are only rough copies and that the chosen design will be retouched and resketched to sharpen the detail. The lettering below design #3 can be enlarged and would also be clarified on designs # 4 & 5., etc. VOTE YOUR CHOICES on the sheet provided .. you may keep this page.

Because larger lettering will be used in the new roster booklet, no advertising space will be available, hope this is O. K. with all.

Change of address just received - #13 Art Schofield, 3273 Chaucer Dr. Columbus 21, OHIO